(b) whether it is also a fact that despite such review by his Ministry, the UGC has been approving the applications for deemed university status; and

(c) if so, the rationale for such parallel evaluation of deemed universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir. The review of institutions 'deemed to be universities' by the University Grants Commission (UGC) as well as an independent review by a Committee of experts have been ordered by the Government with distinct mandates. While the review by UGC is to ascertain the status of infrastructure and faculty resources, the review by the Committee of experts is to assess the justification for the continuation of institution as deemed to be universities. There is no overlap between the two exercises of review.

(b) No, Sir. Applications for declaration as institutions 'deemed to be universities' have been put on hold till the processes of review.

(c) Does not arise.

Foreign faculties for IITs

996. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to encourage IITs to hire foreign faculties;

(b) if so, whether similar allowance would be made to other professional institutions of higher learning in the field of management, science and medicine;

(c) whether Government has framed guidelines in this regard;

(d) if so, the financial implications for the respective institution; and

(e) whether Government would provide grants to these institutions for hiring foreign faculties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The Government have decided to appoint Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) on long-term and permanent faculty positions in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). However, foreign nationals other than NRIs and PIOs are appointed for a fixed tenure of five years on contract basis. As there is no difference in pay structure and allowances allowed to the Indian or NRI/PIO faculties, no additional financial implication is envisaged. Similarly, there is no proposal at present to offer special incentives/encourage either the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) or Government Medical Institutions for hiring foreign faculty.

New evaluation criteria for Class X

997. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBSE has notified the new evaluation criteria for Class X;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CBSE plans to conduct workshops for the teachers according to the new evaluation criteria; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) has been strengthened in all CBSE affiliated schools *w.e.f.* October, 2009 in Class IX.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) CBSE has adopted a cascade model of training. It has started training Principals and selected teachers of its affiliated schools in October, 2009. These trained Principals and selected teachers have the responsibility to train all the remaining teachers of the respective schools.

Opening of new IITs abroad

998. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to open new IITs abroad;

(b) if so, the rationale of such step;

(c) whether Government has framed the guidelines in this respect and what would be the financial implications of such a decision; and

(d) whether the existing IITs will be allowed to open their campuses abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) In view of the faculty shortages in the seven older Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) which also have to undertake 54% expansion in their intake capacity for implementing the reservations in admissions as per the Central Education Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 and are also engaged in the mentoring of the eight new IITs, opening of their campuses or setting up of new IITs abroad may not be feasible in the immediate future as that would further strain the IITs' limited manpower and other resources. However, as and when the faculty situation eases due to the efforts being made by the IITs to recruit new faculty, the Government would be open to the idea.

Corruption cases against officials of AICTE

999. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: